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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-001468
Request No. F18-00025
SRO:DRC

VIA: Email

Dear Donald Stone:

You appealed from the action of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning your 1999 complaint filed with OPR. I note that you are appealing the adequacy of OPR's search for responsive records. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming OPR's action on your request. By letter dated October 11, 2018, OPR released to you fourteen pages of responsive records in full. I have determined that OPR's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records. OPR also properly advised you that any paper files were properly destroyed a number of years ago pursuant to the applicable records disposition schedule.¹

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of OPR in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue

¹ https://www.archives.gov/files/records-mgmt/rcs/schedules/departments/departments-of-justice/rg-0060/daa-0060-2011-0027_sf115.pdf.

litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

3/11/2019

X 

Sean R. O'Neill

Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff

Signed by: SEAN O'NEILL